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Hence  $V_c - V_s = \frac{1}{5}V$ , since  $V_c - V_s =$  volume of water. Substituting, we get

$$r_1^2(a + x) - x^2(3r - x) = \frac{R^2h}{5}.$$

Since

$$VC = VO - CO \quad \text{and} \quad VO = \frac{r}{\sin \alpha},$$

we get

$$a = r \left( \frac{1}{\sin \alpha} - 1 \right),$$

but since

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{5}{12}, \quad \sin \alpha = \frac{5}{13},$$

therefore

$$a = 2 \left( \frac{13}{5} - 1 \right) = \frac{16}{5}.$$

From triangles  $VEF$  and  $VDN$ , we get

$$r_1 = \frac{(a + x)}{h} R, \quad \text{or} \quad r_1 = \frac{\left( \frac{16}{5} + x \right) \frac{5}{2}}{6} = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{5x}{12}.$$

Substituting these values in the above equation and reducing, we get

$$845x^3 - 3120x^2 + 3840x - 1304 = 0.$$

To solve this equation, let

$$x = y + \frac{108}{169}, \quad \text{or} \quad x = y + \frac{16}{13}.$$

Substituting and reducing, we get

$$169y^3 = -\frac{16^3}{13} + 260.8, \quad \text{or} \quad 13^3y^3 = -705.6.$$

Hence,

$$y = -\frac{\sqrt[3]{705.6}}{13} = -\frac{2}{13} \sqrt[3]{88.2}.$$

Then

$$x = y + \frac{16}{13} = \frac{16 - 2\sqrt[3]{88.2}}{13} = .54595.$$

Hence, the required height  $= a + x = 3.2 + .54595 = 3.74595$  inches.

Excellent solutions were received from NATHAN ALTSHILLER, C. N. SCHMALL, HERBERT N. CARLETON, J. W. CLAWSON, HORACE OLSON, and PAUL CAPRON.

#### CALCULUS.

##### 375. Proposed by V. M. SPUNAR, Chicago, Illinois.

Solve the differential equation

$$x^2(a - bx) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x(2a - bx) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2(3a - bx)y = 6a^2.$$

##### I. SOLUTION BY H. T. BIGELOW, La Fayette, Indiana.

Let

$$y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^n, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n c_n x^{n-1}, \quad \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) c_n x^{n-2}.$$

Substituting and collecting terms we have,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n^2 - 5n + 6) c_n x^n \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b(n^2 - 3n + 2) c_n x^{n+1} + 6a^2.$$